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Donald Clarence Pigford is still a student at Memphis State University.

(Sources one, two and three, 8/25/69)

Louis Welch has gone to Atlanta, Georgia, and allegedly is living in care of a relative, believed to be an uncle, Thomas Alexander, 5231 Cross, Atlanta, Georgia.

(Source two, 8/25/69)

Marrell McCollough, former Invaders Board of Directors member, was actually a patrolman with the Memphis Police Department working under cover from February, 1968, until March 31, 1969. He is now assigned to the Intelligence Unit of the Memphis Police Department. As recently as July 31, 1969, McCollough advised that for all practical purposes the Invaders have ceased to exist, they have no meeting place, former members have dispersed, they have printed no literature in several months, have no known connections with any outside groups, and have no known arsenal of weapons. He said the Invaders have never been an effective group. He stated that at the outset they intimidated the black community by braggadocio and extortive-type tactics but now the black community realizes the Invaders were basically phony, criminally intent and petty in their actions, and most Negro adults will now "stand up" to any Invader. McCollough's views were corroborated by Sources one and two on August 25, 1969.

Melvin Smith, until recently the Minister of Defense of the Invaders, claimed he is through with the Invaders and that he does not like Lance Watson. He has been working with Paulist Priests at St. Patrick's Church and with Father Bertrand High School priests in teaching teen-age children civic affairs under a grant made by the Memphis War on Poverty Committee (WOPC) financed by the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). Melvin still, however, says that he is an individual black militant and black revolutionary.

(Sources one and two, 8/25/69)

Gwendolyn White has left the Invaders and is now working as a waitress for the Harlem House food chain in Memphis.

(Source two, 8/25/69)

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